SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" May I know why this discrimination is made against the producers'-*cum*-consumers' societies of Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not understand how it is a question of discrimination."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is not the rule of advance collection universally applied to all co-operative societies and traders and if so, why should there be this special grievance of the Malabar producers'-*cum*-consumers' societies alone? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Certain concessions are usually given to co-operative societies. Still more concessions are given to these Producers' *Cum-Consumers'* Co-operative Societies. I think that this class of societies is larger in number in that part of the State than in other parts."

Sea erosion at Beypore, South Malabar.

* 243 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any sea erosion at Beypore in South Malabar in June 1954;

(*b*) if so, how many houses and how many acres of land were destroyed thereby; and

(*c*) what relief the Government have given to the victims?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Six houses and a stretch of land about one mile long and 12 feet wide or roughly 1·46 acres were affected.

" (*c*) A sum of Rs. 90 was granted to the affected persons out of State Funds for the reconstruction of their houses."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any permanent steps to prevent such erosion at Beypore in future? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, Sir. We have been advised against taking any permanent steps as it would be very costly. It costs about Rs. 60 per foot and it is about 3,000 feet. It is felt that it has not affected the port. Annually, the Government are granting some money as compensation to those whose huts or houses are destroyed."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Apart from preventing erosion in Malabar, is there any proposal before the Government to prevent sea erosion in Madras, especially in Rayapuram? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is about South Malabar and not Madras. If the hon. Member wants, he can give notice of a fresh question."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" வீடு இழந்தவர்கள் மறுபடியும் வீடு கட்டிக்கொள்ள சமுத்திரத்திற்கு கொஞ்சம் அப்பால் தள்ளி அவர்களுக்கு குடியிருப்பு மனைக்கட்டுகள் வழங்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" They have not made any representation to that effect. If they make any such representation, it will be considered, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether the grant of Rs. 90 is in respect of each house destroyed or in respect of all the houses or huts that were destroyed?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The total amount disbursed was Rs. 90."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the erosion is annual?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, it is almost annual. Mostly fishermen are affected by this erosion. Last year we disbursed a sum of Rs. 135 and in the previous year a sum of Rs. 100."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" From the answer given by the Hon. Minister, it is clear that annually this erosion is taking place and the Government are giving some relief to those who are affected. In view of the huge amount that the Government have to pay in this way, will it not be better for the Government to take some suitable permanent measure to prevent this erosion, especially as it will be profitable for them to do so?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I already said that if we were to take permanent steps, we would have to spend something like Rs. 1,80,000. As against this amount, we are at the present time spending only about Rs. 100 every year, and I am really unable to understand how the hon. Gentleman characterises this amount as a 'huge' amount."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" By way of personal explanation, I wish to make a few observations, Sir. The Hon. Minister himself said that this erosion takes place annually and the Government are spending a certain amount in affording relief to those who are affected. If we calculate all these amounts together, then it will be seen that finally it is a loss to the Government. That is why I said that it would be advantageous for the Government if they took permanent measures to prevent this erosion."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member must remember that the interest on Rs. 1,80,000 is much more than Rs. 100."